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DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)

Title of Invention

FREEZE DRYER

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This declaration is directed to:

The attached application, or
 Application No. 10/796,943, filed on March 10, 2004,
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I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

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Inventor three: Ernesto Renzi

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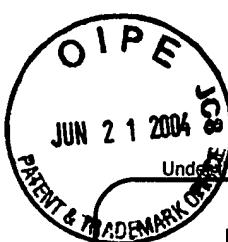
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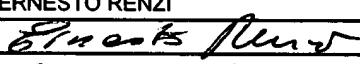
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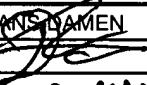
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